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FOR AMBASSADOR TODMAN FROM CHARGE
SAO PAULO FOR CHAPIN ONLY
RIO FOR DEXTER ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (TODMAN; TERENCE A.) AR, BR, PA
SUBJ: TODMAN VISIT

1. FURTHER TO JOHN DEXTER'S MESSAGE ON YOUR RIO PROGRAM,
I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST, FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, A MEETING
WITH SOME OF THE SENIOR OFFICERS OF THIS MISSION, INCLUDING
CONSULS GENERAL DEXTER AND CHAPIN, IF THE LATTER CAN
ATTEND. I ENVISAGE THIS MEETING AS ONE IN WHICH WE WOULD
BRING YOU UP TO DATE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN BRAZIL IN THE
WAKE OF THE SECRETARY'S MOST RECENT LETTER TO SILVEIRA,
AND HEAR YOUR IMPRESSIONS AND CONCLUSIONS FROM YOUR TRIP TO
THE SOUTHERN CONE AND WELL AS YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE INTERPLAY OF
SOUTHERN CONE AND BRAZILIAN DEVELOPMENTS WITH OUR EVOLVING
LATIN AMERICAN POLICY. THE MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN
RIO AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL ON THE MORNING OF SATURDAY,
AUGUST 20. WE WOULD TRAVEL TO RIO IN THE DAO AIRCRAFT;
THUS THE COST TO THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD BE MINIMAL.
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2. I HAVE NOT YET DISCUSSED THIS IDEA WITH AMBASSADOR
CRIMMINS, WHO WILL PROBABLY HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM HOME
LEAVE AT THE TIME OF YOUR VISIT -- SUBJECT TO YOUR
REACTION, EITHER I OR BOB ZIMMERMAN WILL ASCERTAIN HIS
WISHES AS TO THE FORMAT FOR THE MEETING WITH YOU. A
FINAL DECISION ON SUCH A MEETING IN RIO IF YOU AGREE, MIGHT BE

MADE IN LIGHT OF ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING AT THE TIME. I RECOGNIZE THAT THIS MEETING WOULD COME FOR YOU AT THE END OF A STRENUOUS TEN-DAY TRIP BUT WE HERE BELIEVE THIS SUGGESTED EXCHANGE WITH YOU WOULD BE VERY USEFUL.

3. YOUR NEW ITINERARY MAKES NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO A VISIT TO IGUACU. IF YOU STILL PLAN TO MAKE THAT VISIT FROM ASUNCION, CROSSING OVER TO THE BRAZILIAN SIDE, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO HAVE AN OFFICER ON HAND FROM THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN SAO PAULO, EITHER THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER OR THE CONSULATE'S POLITICAL OFFICER, TO EXTEND APPROPRIATE COURTESIES AND ASSISTANCE. CONSUL GENERAL CHAPIN WOULD CONTACT AMBASSADOR LANDAU ABOUT THESE ARRANGEMENTS.

4. THE EMBASSY WILL ADVISE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF YOUR PROSPECTIVE ENTRY OF BRAZILIAN TERRITORY, AND THE MINISTRY UNDOUBTEDLY WILL WISH TO EXTEND APPROPRIATE COURTESIES IN RIO AND POSSIBLY, DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF YOUR VISIT, AT IGUACU AS WELL.

5. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO THE PROPOSED SATURDAY MEETING IN RIO, AND YOUR PLANS FOR VISITING THE FALLS.

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